

One Fireworks Fanatic Is Looking for Serious Trouble

HOPE POSTMASTER Robert M. Wilson is red hot.

While the South celebrates Christmas with fireworks that most of the country restricts to the Fourth of July there are limits to a man's endurance — particularly if he happens to be custodian of federal property.

Last night someone dropped a 1-g firecracker in a small street letter-box at West Avenue D and North Hervey street, blew the bottom out of the box, and scattered Uncle Sam's mail in the street.

Bob Walker, local citizen, happened by shortly afterward, picked up the letters and Christmas cards, and came downtown to place them safely in the post office. But the office was closed for the night, so he took the mail to the police station.

This morning the mail was delivered to Uncle Sam all right—but an investigation goes with it.

For tearing up a government mailbox Mr. Stupid is flitting with the penitentiary — if they catch up with him. Everybody knows that. City police are investigating, and the matter will have to be reported to the postal inspectors. The charge: Committing depredation of a mailbox.

This is the worst error in judgment in the fireworks business since the case, several years ago, when a local boy threw a firecracker in a passing automobile and caused a wreck.

We sometimes hear that juveniles pick up these ideas from going to the movies or reading comics and the pulp-paper magazines. But it simply isn't so in this case—for every lad who ever sat down front for the Saturday night blood-and-thunder knows that the first law of the Western road agent is: Don't monkey with the mails—unless you want to be hunted for the rest of your life.

Defense Plans in State Call for \$75,000

Little Rock Dec. 20 —(P)—The Arkansas civil defense advisory council yesterday recommended that permanent defense agency be set up in the state with an annual operating budget of \$75,000.

The suggested allotment is \$50,000 more than Governor McMath previously had said he would request from the 1951 legislature for a civilian defense department.

The council also suggested that McMath ask the legislature for a "standby" fund of \$500,000 which would be available in case of a crisis.

A third step was to call for a meeting of county judges and mayors next month to explain the urgency of local defense measures. No date for the meeting was set.

The council agreed that little could be done until operating funds are available.

Up to now any preliminary steps toward state civilian defense have been carried out through the state military department with Adjutant Gen. H. L. McAllister as director and Maj. Carl Martin as deputy.

Major Martin, who met with the council, termed it "misinformed" persons who believe Arkansas is in no danger in case of war because of its distance from the coastline.

Prosecutor Deputies for 5 Counties

G. W. Lookadoo today announces his appointments for deputies as deputy prosecuting attorney for the five counties comprising the Eighth Judicial District, as follows:

Clark County—J. H. Lookadoo, Nevada County—Randolph Ham.

Hempstead County—Royce Weisenberger, Lafayette County—Jack Williamson.

Miller County—Thomas E. Weber.

Three of these appointees are now serving as deputy prosecuting attorney under James Pilkinton, Randolph Hamby, Nevada County; Royce Weisenberger, Hempstead County and Jack Williamson, Lafayette County. G. W. Lookadoo served as deputy under Mr. Pilkinton until he resigned to run for prosecuting attorney.

Vesey Again to Be Referee in Probate

James H. Pilkinton, who will become judge of the Second Division of the Sixth Chancery District on January 1, 1951, announced today that he would appoint Mrs. Mary H. Young of Texarkana as his court reporter and stenographer.

He said also that he plans to reappoint John P. Vesey, Hope attorney, as Referee in Probate for Hempstead county. Mr. Vesey has been serving in that capacity appointment by Judge A. P. Steel.

Voluntary Wage, Price Control First

By STERLING F. GREEN

Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—The government today promised a voluntary wage ceiling formula "as soon as possible" to match the nationwide honor system price control newly put into effect for all industry.

The economic stabilization agency summoned into a meeting here the management and union leaders of more than 1,000,000 auto workers for talks which may provide a clue to the coming wage restraints on all labor.

The agency meantime hoped for a wave of voluntary price roll-backs — mostly at the mill, mine and factory level — in accordance with its price-profits formula announced last night.

But if compliance does not come voluntarily, ESA administrator Alan Valentine warned, compulsory price ceilings will be clamped on and the standards may be more rigorous than those now set forth.

There was ample indication that ESA considers the voluntary formula a stop-gap. If it restrains inflation until March, the infant agency may be ready to enforce mandatory controls wherever needed.

Rowland Jones, Jr., president of the American Retail Federation, criticized the voluntary "freeze" announcement as "vague in some aspects" and said it raised "serious questions of theory and policy which must await further investigation and clarification."

Jones said in a statement that some of the suggested principles if they became part of a mandatory price control system, "could raise obstacles to the end-objective of increased production and efficient distribution."

The federation is made up of 55 state and national trade associations which list more than 500,000 retail stores among their members.

Two Republican senators, meanwhile, charged that stabilizers officials ignored the intent of congress in taking price control action without parallel action on wages at the same time.

The senators, Bricker of Ohio and Capehart of Indiana, said congress made it plain during debate on the defense production act earlier this year that price and wage action should be taken simultaneously if taken at all.

Bricker and Capehart likewise

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1950 Farm Crops in State Valued at 442 Million

Little Rock, Dec. 20 —(P)—Arkansas' principal farm crops this year have been officially valued at a total of \$442,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent over the 1949 value.

Agricultural statistician Milo's McPeck said the increase is due altogether to higher prices.

In Arkansas 1950 production trailed that of 1949 by 13 per cent. Cotton accounted for 57 per cent of the total crop value — \$251,000,000. Corn accounted for \$51,000,000; rice \$42,000,000; hay \$28,000,000, and truck crops, \$11,000,000.

Chiselers Are Curse of Control Plan

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—The government will have a time keeping down prices and living costs if businessmen get greedy and chisel.

The government has enough machinery to crack down on some big industry but not enough, for instance, to tackle all the stores and small factories.

Last night the economic stabilization administration asked everyone to freeze — voluntarily — the price on what he sells.

But no one can be jailed for cheating and raising prices so long as ESA only asks business people to freeze their own prices voluntarily.

If ESA had "ordered" a freeze, then cheating could be punished by a jail sentence.

Although ESA under law has the authority to "order" a freeze, isn't in a position right now to order price controls nationwide.

It doesn't have a staff large enough to police prices over the whole country. Its staff numbers perhaps 150.

In World War II when OPA ordered price controls and policed them, it had 60,000 paid employees and 200,000 volunteer workers around the country.

Perhaps in a few months, maybe by March, ESA will have a staff large enough to permit it to issue a general price control order.

That's why last night ESA had to limit itself to asking businessmen everywhere to operate on a sort of "honor system."

It asked them not to raise prices any further and, if they have

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Democrats Rally to Aid of Acheson

By JACK BELL

Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—Secretary of State Acheson comes home from the Brussels conference today with congressional Democrats closing ranks behind him and many — but not all — Republicans still trying to push him out of the cabinet.

Acheson is expected to report soon to both houses on the agreements reached among the 12 Atlantic pact nations to build a 1,000,000-man defense force for Western Europe by the end of 1953.

He will be able to do so with the firm promise of President Truman that he is going to keep his job despite Republican demands for his ouster.

Mr. Truman told a news conference yesterday that Acheson has put "great talents" into the fight against communism, and that "communism — not our own country — would be served by losing him."

While congressional Democrats likewise came to Acheson's support, Republicans divided.

Senators Taft of Ohio, chairman of the GOP policy committee, and Wherry of Nebraska, the party floor leader, led a faction which declared there will be no unity on foreign policy so long as Acheson remains at the head of the state department.

This GOP group appeared to outnumber the other — including such senators as Saltonstall (R-Mass.), the assistant floor leader, Morse of Oregon and Aiken of Vermont — which urged party members to accept the President's decision and get behind a bipartisan program.

Taft told reporters he is convinced that President Truman will achieve no national unity so long as Acheson remains.

"The Republicans have only reflected the views of our constituents in urging that Acheson be replaced," Taft said. "Of course, we can't fire him ourselves."

"But the President can't get national unity under Acheson's leadership," Mr. Truman can choose not to have that unity if he wants to.

Wherry said in a statement that the President "ignored the mandate" of the voters in November, when Republicans gained strength in both houses of congress.

That mandate was for Acheson's removal, Wherry said.

Duncan Coffee Co. Pays 32nd Xmas Bonus

Herschel M. Duncan, president of the Duncan Coffee company, today announced that for the 32nd consecutive year Christmas gift bonuses will again be distributed to all the wage and salary employees of the Duncan Coffee Company.

The Christmas bonus is in addition to their regular service bonus plan whereby the employees receive every pay day during the entire year, a service bonus based on the number of years they have been employed by the Duncan Coffee company.

In making the announcement of this year's Christmas bonus, Mr. Duncan assured the employees that in appreciation of their loyalty and their efforts he was announcing for the coming year a continuation of the other incidental benefits which the company has been able to provide in the past, such as seven paid holidays, vacations, comprehensive insurance plan, annual picnic, Christmas party, paid rest and refreshment periods and one of the most important factors of all, the service bonus plan.

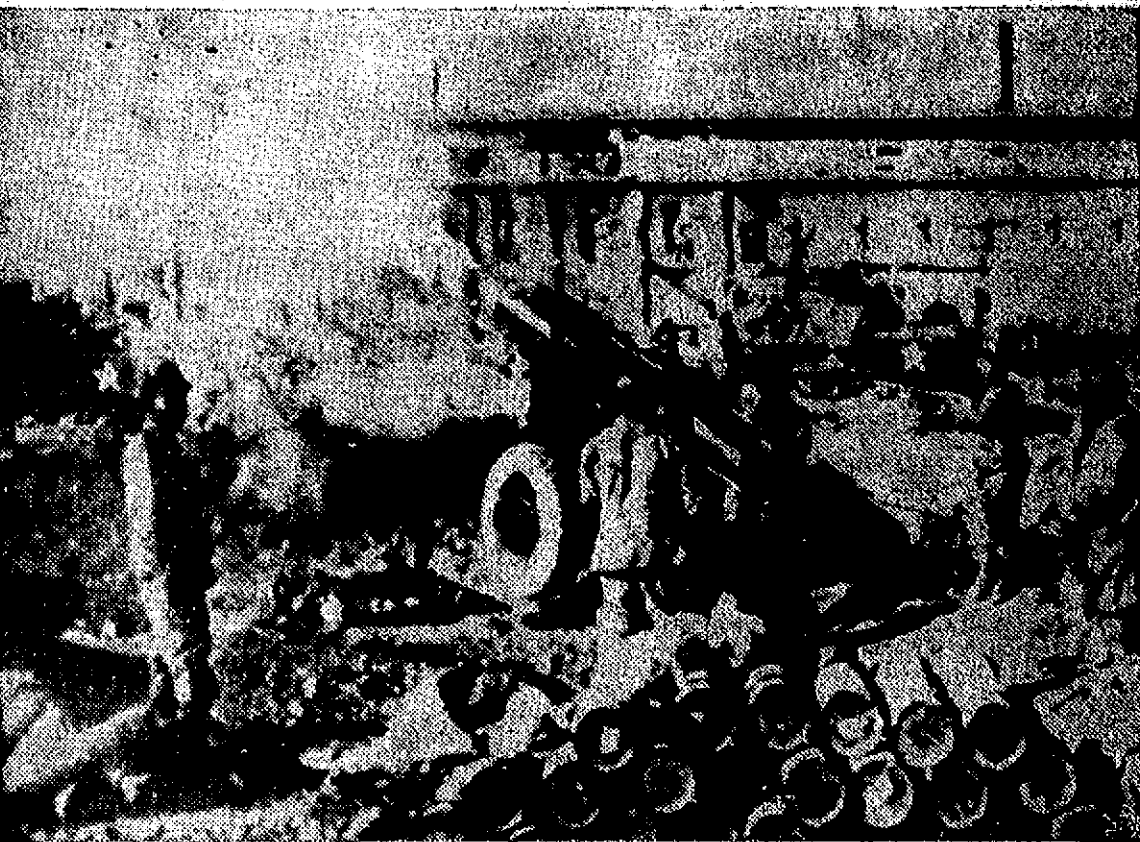
In making the announcement of this Christmas gift bonus, for Christmas of 1950, Mr. Duncan was joined by his brother Charles W. Duncan, vice-president, in stating that these advantages and provisions were an expression of the Company in recognizing the continued loyalty and continued effort of its employees.

Old Toys and Baby Clothes Gifts Go to Luck Motor Co.

The Lions club expressed thanks today for fine co-operation of the Hope public in donating old toys and asked that baby clothes be donated. All articles are to be taken to Luck Motor company's office on South Walnut street.

McLarty Is Home After 3 Weeks at Campbell Clinic

Tom McLarty, manager of Hope Auto Company returned today from Memphis where he has been a patient in the Campbell Clinic for the past three weeks. He has been undergoing treatment for a knee injury.



TRAP CLOSES ON UN BEACHHEAD — At the beachhead perimeter, Hungnam, Korea, Tenth Corps artillerymen fire their 155mm howitzer at Communist troops who are attacking in force. (NEA RADIO-TELEPHOTO BY ED HOFFMAN)



EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED AS SUPREME COMMANDER — It was a grim-faced General Dwight Eisenhower who faced the press at St. Louis, Mo., during a stop over enroute from Washington to Colorado. General Eisenhower has been named Supreme Commander of the integrated European defense forces. (NEA Telephoto).

Atlantic Pact Nations Will Decide How Much Authority Is to Be Given Eisenhower

By ELTON C. FAY

AP Military Affairs Reporter Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—How much authority will Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower have as supreme commander of the Western European defense force?

President Truman wrote Eisenhower last night that the North Atlantic treaty organization would give him a directive shortly on his "responsibility and authority."

The 11 nations joined with the United States in NATO have agreed there is urgent need for a common land-sea-air defense against Communist aggression. They were unanimous in asking that Eisenhower head it. But it still isn't clear how much control the individual countries are willing to give him.

Will he, for instance, be given permission to move the forces under his command into whatever areas he thinks they are most needed?

If Eisenhower believed the dangers of Soviet attack particularly acute in Norway, could he talk French or Belgian army divisions from positions in or near their countries and move them to the Scandinavian peninsula? Or move Norwegian troops down to Western Germany? Or would the defense of their own homelands insist they remain on guard there?

For its part, the United States has given the general a pretty free hand. Mr. Truman wrote Eisenhower he has been "assigned operational command, to the extent necessary for the accomplishment of your mission, of the U. S. army forces in Europe; U. S. air forces in Europe; and the U. S. naval forces in Europe; and the U. S. naval forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean."

The President added that "subject to overriding requirements of

the supreme Allied command, Europe, the missions, routine employment, training and administration of these forces will continue to be handled through command channels heretofore existing."

What this latter apparently meant was that the American forces would continue to carry on their daily jobs under their present chiefs — Gen. Thomas T. Handy head of the army's command in Europe; Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad, commander of American air forces in Europe; and Vice-Admiral R. B. Carney, commanding naval forces.

But there were some apparent or implied exceptions.

Although Mr. Truman specified Eisenhower's operational command would include U. S. air forces in Europe, this didn't appear to mean he would have control to the USAF's strategic air force except for whatever B-29 or B-50 groups of medium bombers might be operating at any one time from bases in Britain. (About three such medium bomber groups usually are in England on rotational training missions.)

Thus it seemed that control of the strategic air force, which some time ago was placed under the overall guidance of the joint chiefs of staff, would remain under that control. If, in event of war or for purposes of a show of strength, it was found necessary to send ultra-long range B-36s to Europe, the decision would be made by the joint chiefs at Washington.

In union practice, the term "closed shop" has reversed its meaning. In the early days a closed shop was one that employed non-union men.

Transport of GIs to Europe Is Opposed

Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—Opposition arose in congress today to any speedy transfer of additional American ground troops to Europe.

President Truman's announcement that more U. S. soldiers will be sent across the Atlantic as soon as possible brought demands from lawmakers for:

1—Detailed information on other nations' troop pledges to the new combined Western European defense forces; and

2—Assurances that the United States will not be stripped of military reserves at home.

Senators of both parties said Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of the Army Pace will be called on by congressional committees to report on these points immediately after their return from the Brussels conference.

The 12 foreign ministers of the Atlantic pact nations have agreed to try to assemble under the command of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower a 1,000,000-man force by the end of 1953 to guard Western Europe against possible Soviet aggression.

President Truman told a news conference yesterday he will know today — but won't make the information public — how many American troops eventually will be involved.

There has been speculation that five to 10 or more divisions may be sent to Europe in addition to the approximately 100,000 men already there.

Senator George D. Gage, a member of the foreign relations committee, told a reporter he thinks

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Crash Kills One-Armed Motorist

Marion, Dec. 20 —(P)—A one-armed motorist tentatively identified as a resident of Vienna, O., was killed early today when the car he was driving left the highway near here.

The body taken to a West Memphis funeral home, was identified as that of Griffith L. Gordan, about 60, from a Missouri State Teachers association card he carried.

Authorities were trying to establish positive identification through several other papers found on his person and in the car.

Cantata on Thursday at Tabernacle

The Tabernacle Christmas Program "Star and Desert Sand" will be presented in the Church auditorium on Thursday evening, December 21, at 8 o'clock.

The program is "A Christmas Cantata-Pageant" in two parts, featuring the Tabernacle Choir, with special vocal arrangements in 14 different numbers, all new. The Pageant presents the Christmas theme with twenty characters participating.

The first part shows a desert scene where the Wise men meet with discouragement by the desert spirits.

The Second Part gives the 20th century parallel. The program has been directed by the Rev. and Mrs. S. Joseph Geno, and will afford approximately 1 1/2 hours of true Christmas spirit, enjoyment and worship.

Will Talk to Russia If She Means Peace

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 20 —(P)—The big western powers, out new offers of peace and arms to Germany, Britain, France and the States have accepted the Russian's proposal for a conference on the united divided Germany.

The three western nations known to have stipulated ever that the Russians and whole range of problems has been causing East-West Russia proposed the conference discuss the unifying and ending Germany.

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Mobilization Plans to Be Speeded Up

Washington, Dec. 20 —(P)—The house was ready to act today on President Truman's plan for wider mobilization.

Just two days after Mr. Truman asked congress for additional authority, house leaders called a bill reviving features of the war powers act of 1941 to him in dealing with the defense program.

It would give the President authority to:

1. Consolidate, rearrange, and reorganize government offices, agencies, and departments, and to reassign personnel.

2. Modify, revise, and suspend production, distribution, and defense supplies, and to control the movement of goods and services.

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10-Day Leave for Air Corps Recruits

The United States Air Force has announced that it intends to build its forces up to 68 groups in 1951, and 84 groups one year later. This means an increase in personnel of 200,000 during the year ahead.

What this means to young men in this area was explained today by Sgt. Short, Army and Air Force Recruiter.

"Young men who volunteer for the U. S. Air Force can expect the best of training, and steady promotions," Sgt. Short said. The volunteers of today are most certainly expected to be the leaders in tomorrow's young, aggressive Air Force, and since it is a cinch that every qualified young man will be called upon to perform military service in this world crisis, each individual concerned should decide at once whether he would rather serve with the branch of service of his choice, or await other action.

Sgt. Short also said that his office has received temporary authority to place men on 10-day leaves after enlistment proceedings are finished. This will enable them to be at home Christmas if they desire.

The Army and Air Force Recruiting Station in Hope is located in room 102 of the City Hall building.

Chiselers

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raised them since Dec. 1 without good reasons set out by ESA, then to roll them back to what they were on Dec. 1.

Suppose some big industry problem for, while there may be a great many firms in an industry, they all more or less handle the same goods.

The automobile manufacturers are an example of an industry. ESA last week told them to roll back their recent price increases.

Suppose some big industry hereafter ignores this request and hikes its prices. What then?

If ESA finds out, as it will, and thinks the industry was making enough profit without the increase, then it can "order" that industry to roll back its prices.

ESA people say that their staff, small as it is, is still large enough to handle an industry problem for, while there may be a great many firms in an industry, they all more or less handle the same goods.

(If you as a citizen see what you think are price increases and want to complain, complain directly to the economic stabilization administration here in Washington. You can't complain to some local ESA

field office because ESA doesn't have any yet.)

Some businessmen will honestly feel, for one reason or another connected with their costs, that they have to raise prices to keep off making a fair profit.

If the government demands proof that the increases were justified, and they can show it, they'll be in the clear and their price increase will be allowed although every price increase puts a dent in the whole price control effort.

Of course, if everybody heeded ESA and prices stayed indefinitely where they are now and no other economic forces interfered, there never would be need for the government to slap a general price control "order" on the whole country.

That "order" seems sure to come when ESA is able to carry it out.

But housewives, meaning the family pocketbook, are caught on a hook.

True, ESA wants prices to go no higher. But by mid-October living costs in this country already had reached an all-time high.

The next government figures on living costs are due Saturday. Since those figures are always a month behind time, they'll show what living costs were in November, not in December.

December figures will come out in January. But there are indications that living costs, which have reached a peak in October, have still been climbing and reached an even greater peak in November.

Just so you won't be disappointed in what this attempt to control prices accomplishes in the next few months, remember:

There was, in spite of OPA, constant bickering over prices and price controls all during World War II. Still, they were kept down. The proof is: Since OPA was wiped out in 1946, living costs have shot up over 30 per cent.

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expressed doubt that a voluntary price freeze would do much good. They and a Democrat, Chairman Maybank (SC) of the banking committee which helped write the act, called in separate interviews for broad, compulsory wage-price controls now.

The call for a voluntary price freeze came as the cost-of-living index appeared heading for a new all-time high.

Latest figures by the U. S. bureau of labor statistics showed wholesale prices for the week ending Dec. 12 were 10.2 per cent higher than just before the outbreak of fighting in Korea.

So it appeared certain that prices will stay above the pre-Korea level even if there is a rollback to the level of Dec. 1.

The glass slipper in the English version of the Cinderella story is the result of a mistranslation when "fur slipper became" "glass" slipper.



CURLED UP WITH A GOOD BOOK—His machine gun emplaced on a river bank for instant action to protect retreating Yanks making their way south in Korea, Sgt. C. J. Noe of Kerman, Calif., calmly settles back in the snow with a comic book. Not all of the great retreat before overwhelming Chinese Communist armies was so easy. (NEA-Acme Telephoto by Staff Photographer Walter Lea.)

U. S. A. Was Better Off When Candidates Wrote Their Own Speeches, Says 'Old Spook'

By JOHN WHEELER
What I Know About "Spooks"

It used to be in this country you could start in business with a few postage stamps envelopes, letterheads a mimeograph machine and an idea. Nowadays since the New Deal came in and the dollar will hardly buy two firecrackers to rub together on the Fourth of July you need to get a loan from the RFC to launch a new enterprise and then another one later as you go along.

In 1913 we bought the stamps and the rest of the equipment and began as ghost writers extraordinary. I don't know whether I was the first spook but I deserve to be near the top of the list. In my time I have done literary pinch hitting for ball players actors reporters who had overdone conviviality and prize fighters.

When I was a boy candidates used to write their own speeches and this practice pretty well continued until Franklin Roosevelt became President when he changed the system as he switched the rules on some other matters while he was in office. He had several spooks who furnished the ammunition for his Gorton accent and good ones too the two top boys being Robert Sherwood the playwright and old Charlie Michelson formerly head Washington correspondent for the New York World.

In fact the latter got the reputation of producing the speeches for all the leading Democrats. I asked him one day if he did.

"No," replied Charlie. "I only write the good speeches. When one of the boys lays an egg don't blame that one on me."

He later published a book called "The Ghost Talks" in which he related some of his experiences behind the scenes that the great actors on the world stage. It was in these memories he told of his intimate acquaintance with F. D. R. He reported an anecdote dealing with the days when the administration was spending money fast and furiously this being new and novel at that time and before Harry Hopkins said:

"Tax and tax spend and spend elect and elect."

According to Michelson several members of the kitchen cabinet were sitting around talking about campaign plans. Finally F. D. R. spotting his spook sitting silently in the corner remarked:

"Look at Charlie the Mike over there He's too sly to get his hair cut."

Without batting an eye he replied:

"Well it's about time somebody around here thought of saving money."

Mr. Roosevelt dropped the tonorial subject forthwith.

When Wendell Willkie was a candidate for the presidency according to reliable reports he had several bush-league spooks. By September his oratory had gotten to be pretty sticky — in fact after he made a speech at the Empire City Race track I shut the radio off and turned to a prominent columnist who was at my house.

"I'm through listening to him," I said. "If I hear any more of his talks I am liable to vote for Roosevelt."

Friction raised its ugly head in the camp. The ghosts claimed Mr. Willkie refused to read the manuscripts beforehand and he argued the stuff was no good anyway. Maybe it was a tie. I asked him one day after his defeat about his acceptance speech at Elwood Ind.

"Did you write it yourself?" "Eighty per cent of it" he claimed. "But you know the temperature was over a hundred out there that day I was standing in the sun the heat was rolling down in my eyes and no one ever held an umbrella over me."

The intimation seemed to be that ghost writers should travel equipped with umbrellas as well as ideas.

When Firpo fought Dempsey a good guy named Bill McNutt was assigned to do the experting for the Argentine. Of course the fact the South American didn't speak any English and the author no Spanish was not considered to be a special handicap. It wasn't. Old Bill had the story on the wires before Firpo came to and since he couldn't read the newspaper he never complained and McNutt survived.

St. Helena, where Napoleon was exiled, is a south Atlantic island.

Didn't Know the Way Home, But He Was Hardly Lost

Atlanta, Dec. 19 — (AP) — The five-year-old walked out of the big, crowded department store and flagged a passing police car.

When they got to the police station, he told Mrs. Katherine Gossett, a clerk:

"My name is Charles Virgin. That's C-H-A-R-L-E-S V-I-R-G-I-N."

"I live at 3502 Rainey avenue. R-A-I-N-E-Y A-V-E-N-U-E. It's in Hapeville (an Atlanta suburb)."

"My phone number is F-A-P-A-X 4320."

"Nobody is home now. I got lost from my mama downtown. She walked too fast."

Charles soon was back with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Virgin, Sr., who had told him what to do if he became separated from his mother.

Leflar, Dunaway Give Their Last Court Decisions

Little Rock, Dec. 19 — (AP) — Robert A. Leflar and Edwin J. Dunaway, yesterday handed down their last opinions as associate justices of the Arkansas Supreme court.

Their terms expire officially Dec. 31, but the court won't meet again until Jan. 1.

Leflar is dean of law at the University of Arkansas, and he'll resume that position on a full-time basis. Dunaway also will go to the university, where he's been appointed a law professor. He formerly was prosecuting attorney for Pulaski and Perry counties.

Both men were appointed by Governor McMath to fill unexpired terms.

They'll be succeeded by Chancellor Paul Ward of Batesville and Sam Robinson of Little Rock, who were nominated at last summer's Democratic primaries.

The modern circus has little relation to the Roman name from which it was derived, which means a building for the exhibition of horse and chariot races and other amusements.

Transport of

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Congress will want to know before a single soldier climbs aboard a transport just what Western European nations propose to do about helping defend themselves.

"And we will want to know just how much we are expected to contribute to this defense force," George added.

Another committee member, Senator H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ), said he believes it would be a mistake for the President "to send any more troops to Europe without at least having the approval of leaders of congress."

Only 380 of 4,687 Hospital Clients 'Paid'

Little Rock, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Of the 4,687 inmates of state hospital only 380 are "paid" patients.

That means that either the patients themselves or their families are paying for maintenance of these 380.

For the others the state pays the entire cost from tax funds.

The figures were contained in a report yesterday by Dr. George W. Jackson, the hospital superintendent.

Act 241 of 1943 provides that patients or families must pay when possible. However, no person may be refused admission because of inability to pay.

Figures by counties of number from each county at the hospital (first column) and number paying (second column) included:

Arkansas	64.4
Benton	86.5
Clark	64.7
Columbia	51.3
Craighead	121.9
Faulkner	49.7
Garland	132.9
Greene	63.6
Hempstead	65.5
Hot Springs	65.5
Independence	68.8
Jefferson	168.14
Miller	57.0
Mississippi	183.11
Ouachita	62.8
Phillips	117.4
Poinsett	96.3
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Censorship Clamped Down Upon Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 20 — (AP) — General MacArthur's headquarters today imposed the right of censorship over all news of Korean military operations without calling it an act of censorship.

A memorandum from MacArthur's public information officer, Col. M. P. Echols, said news dispatches and photographs must be submitted in Korea or Japan for security "screening" and clearance by military authorities before being sent out.

The brief announcement did not specify any penalty for evasion or violation.

The order was effective immediately. The Tokyo headquarters press advisory division immediately became swamped with copy. The division up to then had operated solely as a guiding influence on news involving security.

From the beginning of the Korean war June 25 correspondents were placed on their honor not to disclose information that might help the Reds. This voluntary system didn't always work. Some so-called news "beats" resulted from rather loose individual interpretations by war correspondents on what constituted security.

Since early in the campaign some of the press had asked for the imposition of formal censorship —

8-Year-Old Boy Dies Under Truck

By THE Associated Press

An eight-year-old boy, a pencil clutched in his hand, died under the wheels of a gravel truck as he hurried home from school at Texarkana late Tuesday.

The victim was Jerry Tyrone Price one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Price, Texarkana.

His death was the third from traffic accidents, and the seventh from violence, in Arkansas Monday and Tuesday. Three persons died as a result of fires. One was struck and killed by a train.

Not only to provide real security on important military moves, but to give all correspondents an even break on big stories bearing on marginal security considerations.

Li. Gen. Sir Horace Robertson, British occupation chief in Japan and commander of commonwealth troops in Korea repeatedly had advocated formal censorship of Korean war news. He said intervention by the Chinese Reds made such action imperative.

Army authorities in Tokyo have contended they lacked the manpower to enforce such censorship and that it would be ineffective without similar regulations in Washington and other world capitals.

Voluntary news blackouts prevailed; correspondents generally followed the established practice of not sending confidential information unless some individual correspondent broke the story ahead of time and thus gave the enemy access to the information.

Act 241 of 1943 provides that patients or families must pay when possible. However, no person may be refused admission because of inability to pay.

Figures by counties of number from each county at the hospital (first column) and number paying (second column) included:

Arkansas	64.4
Benton	86.5
Clark	64.7
Columbia	51.3
Craighead	121.9
Faulkner	49.7
Garland	132.9
Greene	63.6
Hempstead	65.5
Hot Springs	65.5
Independence	68.8
Jefferson	168.14
Miller	57.0
Mississippi	183.11
Ouachita	62.8
Phillips	117.4
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Will Talk

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The three countries have prepared similar notes to be dispatched shortly to the Kremlin. The Big Three foreign ministers approved the notes last night. Today the foreign ministers of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands get a look at them — more at least a gesture of international etiquette to the Benelux nations who, with Britain and France, form the West European union.

The representatives of these five nations today agreed to "reorganize" their joint military planning set-up to conform to the new international command established this week by the Atlantic powers.

Their announcement indicated an end to the Western Union military headquarters at Fontainebleau under Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery. A spokesman said, however, such a decision would be up to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the new commander of the international force the Atlantic nations hope to build to 1,000,000 men by the end of 1953.

Montgomery, reportedly, may become a deputy to Eisenhower.

Climate influences have much to do with the quality of cigars.

Man Fined

Fayetteville, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Claire E. Hess 24 of Rogers has been fined \$100 for passing out obscene pencil drawings to pupils at Springdale school.

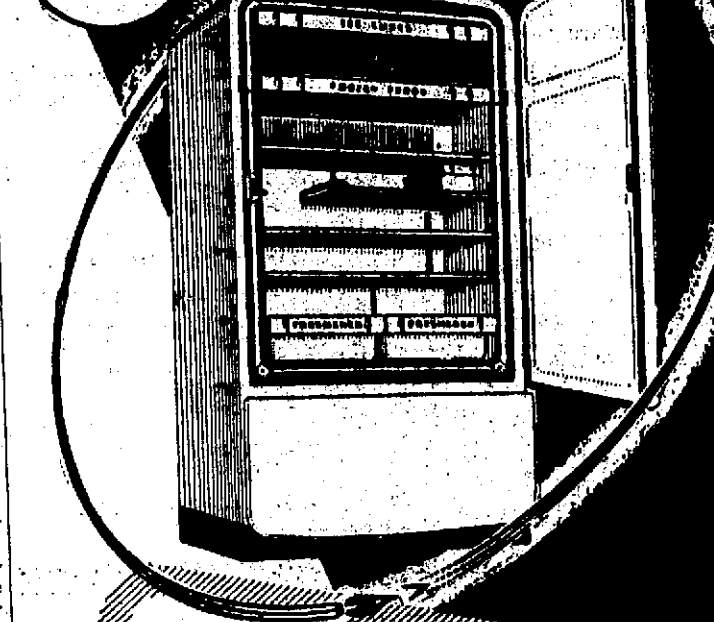
The fine was imposed in Municipal court here yesterday on a former charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Hess also was sentenced to six months in jail, but Judge V. James Ptk suspended the sentence, pending good behavior.

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Thursday, December 21

Brownie Troop No. 1, under the leadership of Mrs. Manuel Hamm, will have a Christmas party at the Little House at 6 p.m. Hostesses will be, Carol Joy Case, Cheryl Dell Case, Suzanne Summer-ville, Nancy Trickey and Sherry Hankins.

The Emmet Garden Club will have a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Ramey Garland at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Tom Garland will be co-hostess.

The Friday Music Club will have a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Country Club. Gifts will be exchanged. Members of the music club who are also members of the Country Club will be hostesses.

Mrs. M. M. McCloughan and Mrs. H. C. Whitworth will honor Miss Dorothy Henry with a kitchen shower at 3 p.m.

Miss Dorothy Henry, bride-elect of Roger Dew, will be complimented at a morning coffee at the home of Mrs. John Hatley at 10:30. Hostesses will be Mrs. John Hatley and Mrs. E. P. Young, Jr.

Hope Chapter 328, Order of the Eastern Star, will have an initiation and Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Gifts will be exchanged.

Friday, December 22

Invitations have been issued to members of Jr. and Sr. Classes in High School and college students who will be the guests of Hope Country Club Friday night—Hostesses are Mrs. Sid McMath, Mrs. Geo. Newbern and Mrs. Katherine Howard.

Notice

The Rose Garden Club of Fulton is sponsoring a contest for outside Christmas lighting and decorations of the homes in Fulton. The decorations will be judged by disinterested parties on the most effective display. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

Saturday, December 23

Mrs. Louis Howard will honor Miss Dorothy Henry, bride-elect of Roger Dew, with a breakfast at the Barlow at 9 a.m.

Miss Mary Carolyn Andrews, bride-elect of Frank Gregg, will be complimented with a breakfast at the Hotel Barlow at 9. Hostesses will be Mrs. William Rounton and Mrs. E. B. Ward.

Sunday, December 24

Invitations have been issued by Miss Alice Lile, Mrs. L. M. Lile, and Mrs. Robert Singleton to breakfast at the Barlow Hotel at 9 honoring Miss Mary Carolyn Andrews.

Monday, December 25

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Black, Patmos, will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day. The couple was married on December 25, 1900. Visitors are invited to call between 3 p.m. and 6.

Christmas Program

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Paisley Students
The Paisley PTA met Friday, December 15 at 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. The Paisley students were presented in a Christmas program. The Glee Club sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. B. C. Hyatt.
Mrs. Denver Dickinson, president, conducted a short business session. Mrs. Edward Aslin delivered the president's message.
Miss Maudie Bell Holt won the dollar in the room count.

Miss Harper
Chairman of
Art Committee
Miss Sophia Sue Harper, super-

visor of Elementary Education and Public School Arts and Crafts instructor at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, has been a recent house guest of Miss Rosa Har-rie. Miss Harper was en route to her home in Siloam Springs, Ark.
Miss Harper has been in Little Rock for the past week attending the Elementary School Council, serving as chairman of the art committee and reporter on the Reading committee on the revision of the Elementary handbook which will be published next year for elementary teachers in Arkansas.

The Fidelity Class Meets

The Fidelity Class of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. T. S. Perkins with Mrs. Leon Davis as co-hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. The mantle was arranged with the nativity scene. The dining room table was wrapped in red foil and tied with silver ribbons with a large white candle in the center. This represented a large Christmas package.

The devotional, "The Unexpected Guest," was given by Mrs. A. B. Tollett. The president, Mrs. W. J. Schooley, presided over the business meeting.

Games were played and gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree.

Ten members and one guest were served individual cakes decorated with the Christmas motif and coffee and cakes. Each member was presented a lovely Christmas corsage.

Service Class Has Party

The Service Class of the First Christian Church had their annual Christmas banquet at the Barlow Hotel on December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Decorations were in keeping with the holiday season.

The program with the theme of Christmas was conducted by Mrs. Eva Reynerson. One of its highlights was a song by Ted Jones accompanied by Mrs. Reynerson.

Interesting talks were given by Frank Rider, teacher of the class, Mrs. Floyd Porterfield, assistant teacher, Mrs. Gladin Morris and Rev. Hardagen.
The 26 members present sang Christmas carols at the close of the meeting.

Announcement

The announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Marlon Buchanan to Richard P. Treadaway of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Treadaway are residing temporarily at 1514 South Main St.

Coming and Going

Bill Houston, Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana is the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houston.

Mitchell LaGrone, who is attending S. M. U., Dallas, is the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. LaGrone, Jr.

Miss Adolphine Andrews, Miss Peggy Pentecost and Buddy Sutton, all of the University of Arkansas, will arrive today to spend the holidays in Hope.

James A. O'Bryant of Nashville, Ark. has been assigned to the famed 5th Armored "Victory" Division which was recently reactivated at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Communique

Cpl. Arthur H. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyett Ellis, and husband of Doris Ellis, 621 North Hervey was graduated recently

News of the Churches

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Thursday, the men of the church will have their regular monthly supper meeting at the church at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. S. A. Whitlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hope.

Sunday, December 24: The choir of the First Presbyterian church of Hope will present a Christmas Cantata, "The Manger of Bethlehem" by Chas. Francis Lane at 11 o'clock. All visitors are welcome.

The PYW of the First Presbyterian Church will sing Christmas carols at the homes of shut-ins on Christmas Eve night, Sunday, December 24. All members are asked to meet at the church at 6 p.m.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL

Rev. H. P. Hudspeeth, Pastor

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting.

Friday, 7:45 p.m. Christmas program.

The church will present a Christmas program, "Why Christmas," on Friday, December 22, at 7:45 p.m. The play consists of 25 characters. There are four scenes with pantomime reenactment of the nativity in the last scene.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

CATHOLIC

Third and Walker Streets

Father A. G. Dunleavy, Pastor
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday are ember days. Days of fast and abstinence from flesh meat. There will be a Christmas party for the children at the Rectory Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST

Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Pastor

Wed. Dec. 20

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will have a Christmas Party Thursday Dec. 21, in recreation hall at the First Methodist church. The young people will go caroling afterwards.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL

Rev. Charles T. Chambers Jr. Deacon-in-charge

Christmas Eve Service

Friday

7:30 p.m. Choir practice.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Wm. P. Hardegree, Minister

Thursday, December 21

7:30 Choir rehearsal

Friday Dec. 22

7:30 The Christmas party for the children of the Sunday School will be held in Fellowship Hall. Santa Claus will arrive to distribute gifts.

HOPE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Robert G. Cook, Minister

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week services.

GARRETT MEMORIAL

Elbert O'Steen, Pastor

7:30 p.m. Prayer service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

A. T. Oliver, Minister

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Devotional service.

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE

H. Paul Holdridge, Pastor

Thursday:

Annual Christmas program beginning at 8 p.m. "Star and Desert Sand." A Christmas Cantata-Pageant will be given.

There will be no Wednesday night services.

UNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST

South Elm Street

Elder Howard White, Pastor

Wednesday:

7 p.m. Teachers meeting.

7:45 p.m. Prayer meeting.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. Study course.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. S. A. Whitlow, Pastor

Wednesday, December 20

WYA of the First Baptist Church will meet at 6:15. Each member is asked to bring a gift for some needy family.

with honors from the supply course at the Quartermaster School in Darmstadt, Germany.

Ellis entered the service in 1942 and is now assigned to the First Meccal Battalion in Regensburg, Germany.

Hospital Notes

Josephine

Admitted: Sam Smith.

Branch

Admitted: Mrs. Milton Eason.

Hope; Mr. Ellis Lee, Canfield.

Discharged: Mrs. Minnie G. Hinds, Hope.

Julia Chester

Admitted: Mrs. Horace Bumpurs.

Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Grant,

Hope, announce the arrival of a daughter, Nancy Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Daugherty

of Hope announce the arrival of a son, Dec. 19.

Conway Approves Bonds to Build Public Hospital

Conway, Dec. 20 —(P)—

Conway voters have approved a bond issue for a new hospital and the tax levy which goes with it.

They voted, 436 to 207, at a special election yesterday to issue bonds of \$195,000. Vote for a five-

mill levy to retire the bonds was 429 to 212.

Federal funds will be sought to aid in financing the proposed \$385,000 plant.



MEDAL FOR JOLSON—In Washington, Gen. George C. Marshall, secretary of Defense, pins a Medal of Merit on three-year-old Al Jolson, adopted son of the late Al Jolson, as Mrs. Jolson looks on. The medal was awarded posthumously to the beloved entertainer "for his tremendous contribution to the welfare and morale of troops fighting in United Nations action in Korea."

DOROTHY DIX Domestic Propaganda

Dear Miss Dix: Though I am three score years and ten, I have yet to meet a mother who did not disparage her husband's family to his children and canonize the members of her own family. I have observed that few children love and respect their father's people as they do their mother's. It is unfair, dishonest and unjust for mothers to use this family propaganda on their children and prejudice them against their father's people. I would like to know what you think on this subject.

A.C.

Answer: My experience tallies with yours. I also have known but few mothers who did not deliberately or unconsciously proselytize their children in favor of their own families. Mother generally takes the children to see her family ten times where she takes them to see their father's once. Hence they grow up better acquainted and feeling closer to Mother's people than they do to Father's.

Blames Them For Defects

Worse still, she always attributes every defect in her offspring to their father's side of the house.

So completely do most mothers alienate their children from their father's families that many people have had the unique experience of never really getting acquainted with their paternal relatives until after they were grown, and then being surprised to find out that those whom they had been taught to believe inferior men and women were far superior to mother's family, and that instead of father's family being indifferent to them, they were eager to know them and love them and help them.

The reason that mothers try to make their children prefer their families to their father's is just part of the mother effort to monopolize the children. The mother wants the children to love her family better than they do their father's just as she wants them to love her better than they do their father. Of course, it is unfair and unjust, but there is no reasoning with mother love and jealousy and, fortunately, not all mothers are guilty of this crime. Many of them play fair and give father and his family their innings with the children.

Dear Miss Dix: I am a divorced woman with three small children who are living with my parents on a small farm. A bachelor wants to marry me and give my children a home and my father is urging me to take him because he says I may not get another opportunity to marry. But I am only 23 and he is thirteen years older than I am and is dull and set in his habits. I have told him I didn't love him, but still he wants to marry me. Shall I sacrifice myself for my children?

MARY

Answer: Don't marry any man you don't love for the sake of your children. Don't marry for any reason at all except love and because you want to be with a man. If he is dull and uncongenial and repulsive to you before marriage, he will be a thousand times more boring and distasteful to you after marriage. You have had one unhappy marriage. Don't risk another. You deserve a better break next time.

Nearly all sacrifices are futile and bring no happiness to anyone. Especially are the sacrifices that a woman makes when she marries a man she doesn't love in order to give her children a home. Such a marriage is generally a boomerang that flies back and destroys her.

It takes a mighty kind, good, generous man to take on the support of another man's children. So before any widow marries for the sake of getting a home for her children, she does well to find out all about the children's prospective father, and how he is likely to treat them.

Dear Miss Dix: How can I show a certain young man that I am interested in him without being too forward?

E.M.S.

Answer: When a girl is interested in a man she can't keep from showing him. It just breaks out on her like the measles. No man in the world is so dull as not to know when he has made a hit with a girl. But if you think that you must make some active move, why don't you invite him to your house to

Rice Crop Off, But Corn Is Up, for Arkansas

Washington, Dec. 19 —(P)—

Tal rice production is off in Arkansas this year as compared to last year, but corn production is up by more than 10,000,000 bushels.

The agriculture department's final 1950 report yesterday placed the rice crop at 7,975,000 100 pound bags compared to 8,858,000 bags last year.

The corn crop was placed at 38,610,000 bushels against 28,369,000 in 1949.

Production of potatoes, sweet potatoes and pecans in Arkansas de-

creased. The potato crop totaled 1,863,000 bushels against 2,080,000 bushels last year, and the sweet potato crop 118,300 bushels against 1,302,000. Pecan production was placed at 3,285,000 pounds this year compared to 4,900,000 last year.

The public has other billions in

Believe It or Not This Is Thrift Week!

New York, Dec. 19 —(P)—This is National Thrift Week. It is also a week in which:

1. The government is shaping plans to spend \$70 billion a year for defense, while worrying over how much of a kick that's going to add to inflation, thereby lowering the purchasing power of the dollar.

2. The treasury reports that for the first full year since series E savings bonds went on sale in 1941, people are cashing in more old ones than they are buying new ones.

3. The federal reserve board chairman reports that "last year about one American family in three spent more than their income."

4. A number of discouraged Americans are asking: "The way things are going, is it worthwhile anymore to save?"

Thomas B. McCabe, chairman of the federal reserve board, says it is. "Everyone knows that inflation is a threat to a savings program," he concedes, "but savings is a powerful antidote for inflation. If we wish to escape the horror of inflation, the answer is to save more—not less. It is still smart to be thrifty."

There is a certain irony in the fact that savings bonds, bought under patriotic urgings in the last war, are being cashed in to the embarrassment of a treasury preparing for the threat of another war.

So far this year, the treasury has had to redeem nearly \$3.4 billion of series E bonds, or \$78 million more than it has sold in 1950. Next year \$1.1 billion will be 10 years old and ready to be redeemed. There will be outstanding \$33.4 billion more which could be presented to the treasury.

Dr. Herman B. Wells, president of Indiana university, and chairman of the national thrift committee, warns: "If these savings are to be spent in a market that is already short on the supply side, the bidding up of prices will assume major proportions."

The public has other billions in

purchasing power. It could turn loose, Henry H. Helms, executive manager of the National Association of credit men, fears the effect of the planned federal controls. He says: "With billions of dollars accumulated in the hands of the consuming public, any controls or regulations, limiting civilian production and buying will merely defer inflation or cause a wild scramble for the limited supply of goods."

Treasury Secretary Snyder plugs steadily for "voluntary individual savings." The treasury is warming up a drive to induce people to buy more savings bonds and to hold onto their old ones—probably by offering to continue paying interest on bonds held after the redemption date.

Voluntary savings include more than just buying government bonds, of course. Some people are putting their money into corporate securities; some into real estate; some into insurance—sales this year were at a record high; some into the various forms of banks accounts and savings institutions.

On the involuntary side, government agencies have been discouraging spending and going into debt by a series of curbs on mortgages and on installment buying, which is October (the last month available) was reported at a record \$3.3 billion.

Industrial School Escapees Taken With Stolen Car

Stuttgart Dec. 19 —(P)—

Two teen-aged youths were apprehended here today driving a car they stole in Pine Bluff last night after escaping from the Arkansas Boys Industrial school.

The youths are Eugene Cameron, 15, of Forrest City, Ark., and Charles Stribar, 15, of Sidney, Ark.

Police Chief Buddy Stringer said officers followed the youths when they were driving in a suspicious manner on the back streets of Stuttgart early today.

Chief Stringer said they were picked up when a freight train blocked their flight from the police patrol car.

\$200 Bonds Set for Pair Facing Kidnaping Charge

Stuttgart Dec. 19 —(P)—

Ms. Beulah Moore and Lawrence Burkheimer, 13, were free under bonds of \$200 each today on charges of kidnaping Mrs. Moore's two children.

They are charged with taking

Arkansas Vulnerable in Any War

Little Rock, Dec. 19 —(P)—

ernor McMath said Arkansas could not be a target of an attack from another world war.

In urging a strong civil defense program, McMath told the Arkansas defense advisory committee that "no nation has no immunity from enemy bombing."

Brig. Gen. H. L. McMath, acting as director for civil defense in Arkansas, called the outline an independent study agency plan.

McMath, who has announced he would like to see a year to set up a defense plan, says such an agency is needed.

He discounted the basic state's geographical location as a factor in heavy industry, and said the "banile" nature of the state's industry is a factor in its defense.

is made, the Mississippi river and the state's location in the North Little Rock and Pine Bluff would be prime targets.

"It is hard for us to see we are on the brink of a world war," he said, "but comes, we must be prepared to protect civilian lives and to produce goods needed for the war effort."

The governor also said civil defense should be a civilian control and should be forced from the military government as soon as possible.

Mariposa trees in the national park, California, have been the world's oldest and best living things.

Carol three and Bill two, their custodian Mrs. Mae M. Decatur, Ill. here Sunday. Aged at a police road block in rest City Ark. they were here and held to the grand Municipal Judge M. Y. E. terday afternoon.

Mrs. Mae Moore, grandmother of the children recently in custody of them by a court. She brought them to visit their father, Herbert Moore, Beulah Moore, Basil Beck, Rochelle, also arrested but Judge E. M. charges against him.

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Legion Basketball Team to Practice at 7:30 Tonight

The American Legion basketball team will have a practice period tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 in Hope High school gym.

Cotton 20 to 25c Higher Overseas

By GORDON BROWNING

Washington, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Cotton on foreign markets is selling at an average of 20 to 25 cents a pound above cotton on domestic markets, agricultural department figures show.

Several factors combine to cause this spread, a spokesman in the department's division of foreign agricultural relations said.

One factor, he told a reporter today, was the department's action last October 10 in announcing restrictions on export of U. S. cotton in view of defense needs.

However, he said, even before October 10 foreign prices had moved slightly above domestic prices chiefly for two reasons:

1. The foreign buyers from which kept foreign buyers from purchasing U. S. cotton and hence caused them to buy elsewhere, and

2. A short supply of foreign cotton dating back to 1948.

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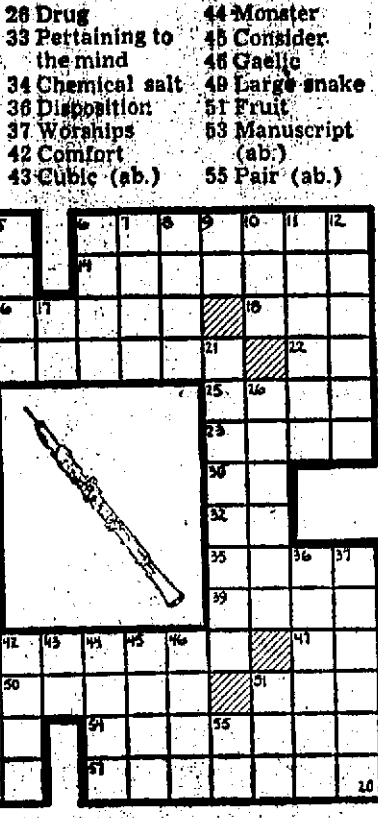
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Musical Instrument

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted musical instrument
 - 3 Chosen
 - 13 Made a sheep's cry
 - 15 Wine cup
 - 16 Eating utensil
 - 18 French coin
 - 19 Tentative (symbol)
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 - 23 Mined oath
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 - 27 It has a double
 - 28 Mimics
 - 29 Nickel (symbol)
 - 30 Note of scale
 - 31 From (prefix)
 - 32 Parent
 - 33 Ditch
 - 35 Volcano in Sicily
 - 38 Otherwise
 - 39 Peruse
 - 40 Direction (ab.)
 - 41 Translates
 - 42 Preposition
 - 46 Flap
 - 50 Boring tool
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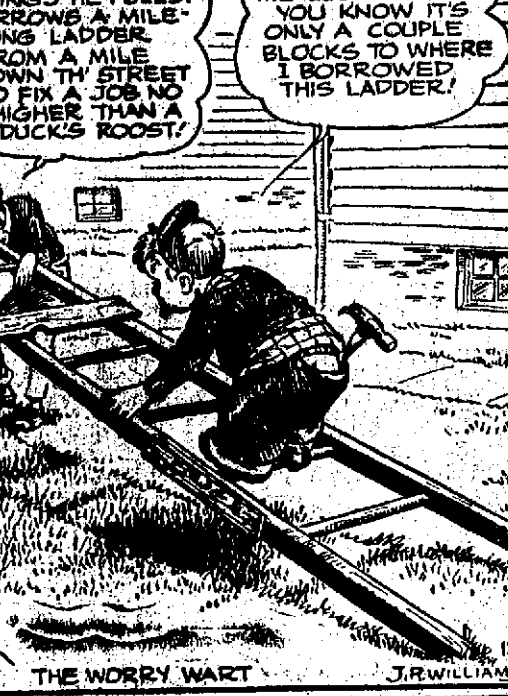


OUT OUR WAY

By Chick Young



Don't go makin' me look simple! You know it's only a couple blocks to where I borrowed this ladder!



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



BETTER CALL A STOCK-HOLDERS' MEETING AND LET THE LADS BREAK OUT WITH BAD GRAMMAR IN UNISON ... BETTER NOT TRY TO HAND THEM A HERRING OR THEY MIGHT HANG A KNUCKLE AUTOGRAPH ON YOUR EYE!



VIC FLINT

By Michael O'Malley and Krim



YOU SAW RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, TACKY!



CROSS THE STREET IN ALNY LUTLEY'S STORE...



WHERE'D YOU GET THESE TONS, ALNY LUTLEY?



JUST WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF YOURS, LUTLEY?



WHILE UPSTAIRS THE CRUISE PROCEEDS TO THE ALONE



SO LONG, LUTLEY! SEE YOU AROUND SOME TIME!



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Here's a model that might interest you! It's designed especially for the chum who likes to sit and visit!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



The boss chases me out at the last minute to buy his wife the same old gift—I always pick them up at the August sales!

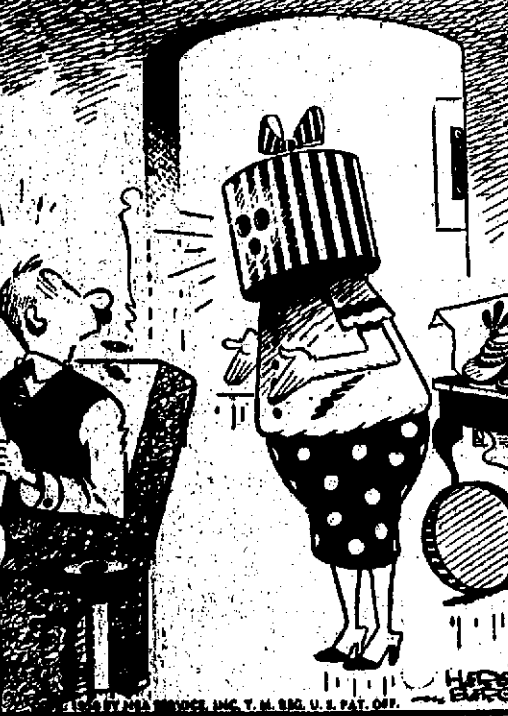
FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Edgar Martin



BUGS BUNNY

By V. T. Nease



TH' EMPLOYMENT AGENCY GUY SAID TH' JOB WAS ASSISTIN' PERFESSOR CAVILLO! GOUNDS BIG!



ASSEMBLING A DINOSAUR IS DELICATE WORK ... BE CAREFUL!



IF THERE WAS MEAT ON THESE BONES YA COULD OPEN A BUTCHER SHOP, YAK?



OOPS!



HEY! LOOK! LAND!



NO! IT SEEMS WE'RE GROUNDING IN SHALLOW WATER!



ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Nease



BAD BUSINESS, UNDOSSING THE OUTER SHELL OUT OCEAN!



IT'S COMING LOOSE! HOLD YOUR BREATH!



NOT A DROP! IT'S DAY!



NO! IT SEEMS WE'RE GROUNDING IN SHALLOW WATER!



HEY! LOOK! LAND!



NO! IT SEEMS WE'RE GROUNDING IN SHALLOW WATER!



PRISCILLA'S POP

By A. V. ...



TELL ME THE TRUTH, DEAR! IS THIS REALLY WHAT YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?



YES YES! ALL I WANT IS AN OUTBOARD MOTOR!



AND WOULDN'T YOU NEED A BOAT TO GO WITH IT?



OH, YES, HAZEL! COULDN'T WE HAVE THE MOTOR UNLESS THE BOAT HAD A BOAT TOO?



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HENRY

By A. V. ...



MY KIDS EAT LIKE HORSES!



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PRESCOTT NEWS

Wednesday, Dec. 20

A mid-week meeting will be held at the First Christian Church Wednesday evening at 7:30. Discussion topic, "This Jesus Whom you Crucified."

A Bible study and singing will be held at the church of Christ Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Thursday, December 21

The Ladies Bible class of the Church of Christ will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. H. H. McKenzie and Mrs. D. L. McRae Jr. will have the Ravens-Bemis rehearsal dinner on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Lawson Hotel.

Friday, December 22

The Ravens-Bemis wedding will be solemnized Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Bemis home.

Mrs. C. D. McSwain and Mrs. J. H. Bemis will entertain with a bridesmaids luncheon for Miss Kate Sparks Bemis in the home of Mrs. McSwain at 12 noon.

Saturday, December 23

The Presbyterian Church School Christmas tree and program and visit from Santa Claus will be Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the men's Fellowship Room. Each department will sing a Christmas number and two sound films will be shown: "A Christmas Dream" and "Christmas Rhapsody." The Youth Fellowship will decorate the tree on Saturday.

Rev. Wagner Is Speaker At P. T. A. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the PTA was held on Thursday afternoon at the Park Elementary School with the President, Mrs. D. K. Bemis presiding.

Mrs. Lucille Elgin presented a group of elementary school children who sang Christmas carols. The State President's message was given by Mrs. L. L. Buchanan.

Rev. C. E. Wagner, guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on "Home, Family, and Defense."

In the room count Mrs. Stone's 1st grade, Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Elgin's grade at the Park School, Mrs. Gann's 7th grade and Miss Loomis's Sophomores were the winners.

Mrs. Robey Entertains '47 Bridge Club

Mrs. Jack Robey entertained members of the '47 Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bob Reynolds.

There were two tables of players with Mrs. Ned Duncan winning the high score prize and Mrs. Duddy Douce the traveling prize.

Kappa Gamma Has Christmas Party

The home of Mrs. Charlie Thomas was the scene of the annual Christmas party of the Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on Thursday evening. Mrs. E. L. Ross and Mrs. Floyd Hubbard were assistant hostesses.

Christmas Carols were sung and games were played. A gift exchange was also enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious salad and dessert course to the twelve members present.

Miss Avery Marries Everett Orren

Miss Mary Agnes Avery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drury D. Avery, became the bride of Philes Everett Orren in a ceremony performed at 8:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philes Orren.

In the presence of the immediate families, the Rev. W. R. Burks officiated before a background of greenery, floor baskets of white chrysanthemums and gladioli and candelabra holding tapers which were lighted by Charles Avery, brother of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dark green girdle suit with brown accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Miss Billie Pal Cox, maid of honor, wore a plum suit with black accessories and a pink carnation corsage.

Billy Mac Gang served as best man. A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a green potted plant. Mrs. Philes Orren presided at the punch bowl. Individual white cakes embossed with white roses were served by Mrs. George Cavanaugh.

After a wedding trip to Hot Springs the couple are at home in Prescott.

Center Home Demonstration Club Has Dinner

The Center Home Demonstration Club enjoyed their Annual Christmas dinner Saturday, December 16 at Center Club House. Forty-five people gathered to enjoy the lovely dinner.

Three large tables were decorated with care of monetary gifts. Pennsylvania railroad workers in this bustling railroad town are passing the hat. One youngster sent Tommy a Christmas card with a nickel and three pennies enclosed.

A drug manufacturer offered to provide the hospital with free medicine for Tommy.

"Gee whiz," the youngster told a nurse. "I've got so many friends."

His father a truck driver said: "I never knew people could be so wonderful. How can I ever express my gratitude?"

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hines and son Johnny are spending the holidays in Hemet, California with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Landers. They were accompanied by Doc Cunningham.

R. P. Hamby has returned from Dallas where he visited his daughter, Mrs. John L. Wathen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stovall of Culver, Indiana have arrived to spend the holidays with their parents and have as their guest, Mrs. Humina Shiplock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gray Jr. and children, John and Sylvia sailed from New York aboard the Queen Mary on December 16 and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Corby, Northamptonshire. This is Mrs. Gray's first trip back to England since she came to America in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Cantley, Detroit, Mich., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houston.

will arrive today for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guas McCaskill.

5 Violent Deaths in Arkansas

By The Associated Press

Four persons were killed by trains and fires in Arkansas Monday and another died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident Sunday.

Three of the five victims were children, one an infant.

Mrs. Vera Hardistom, 65, who walked with aid of a crutch, was killed when she was struck by a Missouri Pacific freight train as she hobbled along the tracks near the northern city limits of North Little Rock.

Charles Rowland, 69, of near Pine Bluff, died when his automobile collided with a Cotton Belt passenger train at a Pine Bluff crossing. He was alone.

Ten-month-old Johnnie Snow died in a house fire at Jonesboro. And Juanita Johnson, 12 years old, a semi-invalid Negro girl, died in a similar fire at El Dorado.

Grover E. Thompson, 68, of Crawfordville, injured Sunday in a traffic collision at West Memphis, died at Memphis hospital.

The British Act of Union joined England and Scotland in 1707.

home yesterday morning. A semi-invalid Mrs. Taylor was rescued just before the roof of the burning house caved in but suffered burns which proved fatal.

Malvern Woman, 72, Dies in House Fire at Malvern

Malvern Dec. 19 — (AP). — Mrs. Minnie Taylor, 72 died at a hospital here today from burns suffered in a fire that destroyed her

Miss Rita McCaskill, who attends Southwestern College in Memphis,

Stuttgart 'Phone Rate Hearing Is Set for Dec. 28

Little Rock, Dec. 19 — (AP). — Application of the Southwestern State telephone company for an increase in rates for its Stuttgart exchange was set for hearing Dec. 28 by the Arkansas public service commission yesterday.

The company is asking for increases totalling about \$25,000 annually. The new rates already are being collected under a bond.

Gambling in Arkansas Irks Memphis

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19 — (AP). — Police have reopened their running feud with Arkansas and Mississippi authorities about gambling joints that flourish just over the state lines from here.

Commissioner Claude Armour led off yesterday with an ultimatum citing President Truman's appeal for manpower and warning gamblers:

Get to work or get out and stay out of town.

Armour said "with gambling going on in north Mississippi, eastern Arkansas and Tipton county, Tenn., the gamblers cannot use Memphis as a playground."

Frustrated police have long

claimed that sedate Memphis, situated in the extreme southwest corner of Tennessee, is the prime reservoir of "suckers" for out-of-state and out-of-county gaming joints.

Ten years ago the Shelby county sheriff went so far as to erect a signboard on the main highway leading to the Mississippi state line which blared:

"Look danger ahead. Down the road in Miss. are gambling dens & dives. Run by thieves. They cheat you. They rob you. They slug you. They get down some-what since then and the signboard has been removed. But Sheriff James Thompson picked up the argument with a warning backing up Armour's ultimatum:

"If the sheriffs in Tipton county, Marshall county, Miss., and St. Francis county, Ark., want to look on these gambling places as castles of wholesale entertainment, that is their business..." he said.

"But if any of these gamblers live in Shelby county and operate or work in gambling joints in other counties, they had better figure on going to work making an honest living."

Armour's statement said: "Everyone heard the President's appeal for preparedness and manpower. There is no reason why every able bodied man should not be employed in some honest, gainful occupation."

"Chivalry" in the middle Ages referred to fully armed and mounted fighting men but has come to mean "courtesy."

Soldier Killed in Grade Crossing Crash at Gastonia

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 19 — (AP). — A Camp Lee, Va., soldier was killed, his wife critically injured and their two children hurt today when their car and a Southern Railway passenger train collided at Arlington crossing, two miles west of Gastonia.

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Jeeter died at a hospital about four hours after the accident which interrupted their Christmas trip to the Rosston, Ark., home of Mrs. Jeeter's parents.

Mrs. Jeeter suffered multiple injuries. Their son, Charles W. Jeeter, Jr., 3, received a broken neck and their daughter, Gloria 6 was only slightly injured the hospital reported.

199 Casualties Being Treated at Spa Hospital

Hot Springs, Dec. 19 — (UP). — The number of Korean war casualties under treatment at the Army and Navy General hospital here mounted to 199 today with the arrival of four wounded soldiers.

The men who arrive yesterday are Sgt. Sam L. Richardson, Belvue Heights, Ala.; Sgt. 1c M. Ford Cleekley, Clanton, Ala.; Pfc. Cecil R. Owens, Morrilton, Ark.; and Master Sgt. Billy L. Brinkley, Vian, Okla.

The four men all had leg or arm wounds. None were in critical condition.

CAPITALISM

Nothing is superior except by comparison

WHEN we compare the conditions of nations and people in anti-capitalistic countries with the security, prosperity, happiness and well-being of our people under United States capitalism, we appreciate our privilege of living in a capitalistic, democratic country.

The basic principle of the free, capitalistic system which we have developed in our country affords opportunity to the individual who is willing to use his talents to the extent of his ability and desire to produce—to accumulate something for investment in a home, a farm, in savings accounts, bonds and other securities, life insurance, the education of his children, and comforts of life—and become a capitalist.

The following facts give us a deep appreciation of what capitalism has done and is doing for our country and its people.

Private capital in the form of taxes and purchases of United States Government Bonds made it possible for us to spend three hundred thirty billion dollars in carrying out our part of the program in winning World War II. This, of course, is unimportant when we consider the loss of life and permanent and partial disability which our youth sustained and which cannot be measured in dollars.

Our participation in World War II has left us today with a national debt of two hundred fifty-seven billion dollars, but on the credit side we find that our annual national income, at the current rate, is equal to 90% of our total national debt. Of this total national debt, thirty-nine billion dollars are in treasury obligations owned by Government agencies, so our net debt is slightly over two hundred eighteen billion dollars.

The United States free enterprise business system is operating at its highest level, furnishing employment to sixty-two million people at the highest hourly and weekly earnings ever recorded. Stockholders and corporations, after paying the highest peacetime taxes in the post-war years, have had the highest net average earnings in history from their investment.

Our farmers had cash income from marketing last year amounting to twenty-seven billion five hundred million dollars, the highest on record.

Total farm assets of our country amount to slightly more than one hundred twenty-seven billion dollars, against which there is an indebtedness of only twelve billion four hundred million dollars. Thus our farmers have ownership equity of over 90 per cent in their farms.

In non-farm homes, counting apartment buildings with four or less families, and all valued at a total of two hundred billion dollars, our home owners have an equity of one hundred fifty-eight billion dollars—a substantial ownership of 79 per cent.

Therefore, as a result of the opportunity provided by our free-enterprise capitalistic system, the people of our nation have a free and clear ownership in their homes and farms of 83.4 per cent.

Our people have savings of more than one hundred thirty-six billion dollars in government bonds and savings accounts.

An additional ninety-seven billion dollars are on deposit in commercial bank accounts.

Our men and women have a cash investment of sixty billion dollars in life insurance policies.

A high percentage of our working people are provided with unemployment insurance, sickness, accident and retirement benefits, financed by employers, employees and government. Others who are not covered by these plans and who find themselves in need are provided for by governmental and social institutions.

We are increasing our efforts to improve the standard of living of the people in the lower income brackets.

The United States, with only six per cent of the world population and seven per cent of its land area, under its democratic, capitalistic system, before World War II, produced forty-seven per cent of the world's manufactured goods; but what is more important, ninety per cent of that production was consumed within our own borders. Today we are producing over fifty per cent of the world's manufactured goods, of which a substantial percentage is for other countries.

Capitalism is backing freedom of worship and providing increasing educational opportunities by constantly giving more and more support to the two things upon which our democratic, cultural civilization depends—spiritual and educational values.

We have a permanent investment in churches and schools of eighteen billion five hundred million dollars and are spending annually eight billion dollars for religious and educational purposes.

Membership in the churches is increasing at a much faster rate than the increase in the population, and in our Sunday Schools at an even greater rate.

In the past thirty years, elementary school enrollment has increased 13.5 per cent, high school enrollment 146.1 per cent and college and university enrollment 351.6 per cent.

Our public school expenditures per pupil enrolled have gone up from \$48.02 in 1920 to \$132.06 in 1947, or 175.0 per cent.

Since 1920 the population of our country has increased 43 per cent and the investment in school and college equipment has increased 571 per cent.

Since the beginning of our industrial and scientific development in the early 1800's, the capitalistic system, due to individual freedom, initiative and ingenuity, has given the world more of the comforts and conveniences of life than mankind had received in the previous 5000 years of civilization.

Under this system our people as a whole are happy and united, are increasing their capital and enjoying a fuller spiritual, cultural and material life.

Today our scientific and industrial knowledge and experience in the various fields of peaceful activity are open to the rest of the world, and in this respect we have joined with other like-minded nations in contributing to the technical assistance program of the United Nations.

No nation, no individual, no venture, no private or public institution, no program for the welfare of people can progress without capital.

It is each individual's duty to contribute to the preservation, protection and improvement of our democratic civilization on a basis which is sound and fair to all our people.

Shirley Watson
Chairman of the Board,

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION

11-Year-Old Doesn't Know Family's Dead

Altoona, Pa. Dec. 19 — (AP). — Tommy Ebert is going to have a wonderful Christmas before he hears about the greatest tragedy of his life.

The plucky 11-year-old is recovering in Mercy hospital from serious burns. He's kept happy by all the visitors' gifts and attention he gets.

Tommy doesn't know his mother, brother, three sisters and grandfather burned to death in the fire that sent him to the hospital.

He thinks they do not visit him because they have no way of getting the 11 miles into town from their house which no longer exists.

Tommy and his father, William Ebert, 36, are the only survivors of the fire. The father is in another ward of the hospital said:

"Tommy's not to know about the others until after Christmas."

Letters and telegrams from well-wishers and offers of aid are pouring from folks who read Tommy's story in newspapers or heard it on the radio.

Tommy asked for a toy train for Christmas. The Lionel company is providing one.

A fund has been established to

BOYS!
GIRLS!

Senator LEBLANC
cordially invites
all of you to come
to his great

HADACOL

Christmas
Party

HOPALONG CASSIDY
WESTERN
WOODY WOODPECKER
COMEDY

ADMISSION
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Dec. 22, Friday
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